

NEWS

For Immediate Release: June 11, 2008 Contact: ADOT Media Relations ADOT Media Line: 1.800.949.8057

Westbound Loop 202 closed at Broadway Road to prepare for July opening of final segment of Red Mountain Freeway

PHOENIX – As the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) prepares to open the last segment of Loop 202 (Red Mountain Freeway) to drivers in July, some final work on the new section will require a full closure. Starting tonight, westbound traffic will exit the freeway at Broadway Road beginning at 9 p.m. to remove lane striping and pave the section between Power Road and University Drive with rubberized asphalt. The closure runs through 6 p.m. on Sunday, June 15.

During the closure of the westbound lanes, which run in a northbound direction along this stretch of freeway, traffic bound for University Drive will detour onto the frontage road. The full closure will be required for a few days in order for the rubberized asphalt paving to cure properly.

The completion of the final segment of Loop 202 not only marks the end of construction on the Red Mountain Freeway, but also celebrates the conclusion of Proposition 300 freeway projects.

Prop. 300 projects were funded by the one-half cent sales tax Maricopa County voters approved in 1985. Proposition 300 has been the funding source for the Regional Transportation Plan, including freeway projects such as the entire Loop 101, State Route 51 and Loop 202 (Red Mountain and Santan Freeways).

The new segment of freeway between Power Road and University Drive will include three exits at Brown, McKellips and McDowell roads. Roundabouts are located at the McKellips and Brown road exits.

The final segment of Loop 202 will open to traffic next month. An opening celebration will be held on Tuesday, July 15 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the freeway between Power Road and University Drive. The public is welcome to participate.

###